

*In the Claims*

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1       1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid  
2       chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local  
3       enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to  
4       select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps  
5       of:

6             establishing a communication link with an external  
7             enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of  
8             accounts for a given company;

9             transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a  
10          chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition  
11          catalog system database in a local enterprise specified  
12          format;

13          administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
14          system database valid accounts with descriptions for a  
15          given commodity and purchase period for said given  
16          company, said description mapping account codes

17           selected by said administrator to a given commodity  
18        code from an associated accounting system for use by a  
19        requester to select the correct general ledger account  
20        when doing financial validation on a requisition for  
21        said commodities; [[and]]

22        administrator then associating a selected  
23        account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
24        for use in a requisition creation process; and

25       upon said requester selecting a commodity from a  
26       commodity description document presenting said  
27       commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting  
28       process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial  
29       worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers  
30       and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1       2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2       the steps of:

3       requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4       catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5       responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1       3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising  
2       the steps of:

3           administrator creating a company commodity document  
4           including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5           commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6           description, key words, approvers, financial  
7           information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8           preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
9           for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10          requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
11          process, which displays line items which may be  
12          selected by said requisitioner; and

13          displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
14          fields which need to be selected or populated by  
15          requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
16          based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
17          general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
18          said requisitioner.

1       4-13.       [Canceled]

2       14. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable  
3       by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions  
4       executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating  
5       a valid chart of accounts from which an administrator can  
6       facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid  
7       general ledger account, said method steps comprising:

8             establishing a communication link with an external  
9             enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of  
10            accounts for a given company;

11           transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a  
12           chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition  
13           catalog system database;

14           administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
15           system database valid accounts with descriptions for a  
16           given commodity and purchase period, said description  
17           mapping account codes selected by said administrator to  
18           a given commodity code from an associated accounting  
19           system for use by a requester to select the correct  
20           general ledger account when doing financial validation  
21           on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

22       said administrator then associating a selected  
23        account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
24        for use in a requisition creation process.; and

25       upon said requester selecting a commodity from a  
26       commodity description document presenting said  
27       commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting  
28       process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial  
29       worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers  
30       and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1       15. [Currently amended] A computer program product or  
2       computer program element for executing the steps comprising:

3       establishing a communication link with an external  
4       enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of  
5       accounts for a given company;

6       transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a  
7       chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition  
8       catalog system database;

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10      administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
11      system database valid accounts with descriptions for a

12        given commodity and purchase period, said description  
13        mapping account codes selected by said administrator to  
14        a given commodity code from an associated accounting  
15        system for use by a requester to select the correct  
16        general ledger account when doing financial validation  
17        on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

18        said administrator then associating a selected  
19        account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
20        for use in a requisition creation process; and

21        upon said requester selecting a commodity from a  
22        commodity description document presenting said  
23        commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting  
24        process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial  
25        worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers  
26        and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1        16. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2        claim 14, said method steps further comprising:

3        requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4        catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5        responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1       17. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2       claim 15, said method steps further comprising:

3           administrator creating a company commodity document  
4           including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5           commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6           description, key words, approvers, financial  
7           information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8           preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
9           for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10          requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
11          process, which displays line items which may be  
12          selected by said requisitioner; and

13          displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
14          fields which need to be selected or populated by  
15          requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
16          based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
17          general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
18          said requisitioner.

1       18. [Previously presented] The computer program product or

2 computer program element of claim 15, said steps further  
3 comprising:

4 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
5 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
6 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 19. [Previously presented] The computer program product or  
2 computer program element of claim 18, said steps further  
3 comprising:

4 administrator creating a company commodity document  
5 including for each commodity code under each company, a  
6 commodity category code, a short description, a long  
7 description, key words, approvers, financial  
8 information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
9 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
10 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

11 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
12 process, which displays line items which may be  
13 selected by said requisitioner; and

14 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with

15       fields which need to be selected or populated by  
16       requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
17       based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
18       general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
19       said requisitioner.

1       20. [Previously presented] The method of claim 3, further  
2       comprising the steps of:

3       displaying to said administrator an accounting system  
4       generated chart of accounts, said chart including for  
5       each account an account identifier and commodity  
6       description;

7       responsive to administrator selection, associating a  
8       selected commodity description and account identifier  
9       with a company commodity group document together with  
10      information enabling said requisitioner to select a  
11      correct commodity.

1       21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said  
2       information including commodity description, approvers,  
3       general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred  
4       supplier.

1       22. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2       claim 14, said method further comprising the steps of:

3             displaying to said administrator an accounting system  
4             generated chart of accounts, said chart including for  
5             each account an account identifier and commodity  
6             description;

7             responsive to administrator selection, associating a  
8             selected commodity description and account identifier  
9             with a company commodity group document together with  
10            information enabling said requisitioner to select a  
11            correct commodity.

1       23. [Previously presented] The program storage device of  
2       claim 22, said information including commodity description,  
3        approvers, general ledger account, route-to buyer, and  
4        preferred supplier.